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SUBJECT: VESCO CASE - ARIAS VISIT TO THE S.E.C.

- 1. WE DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH SENIOR S.E.C. OFFICIAL ON MAY 15 AND AS FAR AS HE IS AWARE NO ONE AT S.E.C. HAD INFORMED ARIAS THAT AN EXTRADITION REQUEST WOULD BE MADE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. TO THE CONTRARY ARIAS WAS INFORMED BY S.E.C. OFFICIALS THAT THEY BELIEVED ANY EXTRADITION ATTEMPT WOULD BE FUTILE UNDER THE CURRENT EXTRADITION LAW.
- 2. ARIAS VISITED S.E.C. ON MAY 14, I.E. A DAY AFTER ARTICLE APPEARED IN LA NACION. S.E.C. OFFICIAL CONTACTED WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN ARIAS AND S.E.C. PRIOR TO MAY 14 MEETING.
- 3. AT THAT MEETING S.E.C. OFFICIALS GAVE ARIAS A COPY OF THE APRIL 9 JUDGMENT AGAINST VESCO WHICH WAS HANDED DOWN IN THE I.O.S. CIVIL SUIT IN NEW JERSEY ON MAY 9. (COPY BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY UNDER COVERING LETTER). ARIAS INDICATED THAT HE INTENDED TO WRITE A STORY BASED ON THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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4. ARIAS INFORM3D S.E.C. OFFICIAL THAT HE WAS SURE THAT

THE CURRENT EXTRADITION LAW WOULD BE CHANGED SOON. HE ALSO STATED THAT LUIS BURSTIN HAD OFFERED HIM A JOB LAST NOVEMBER AT DOUBLE HIS CURRENT SALARY WITH A CAR AND NO INTEREST MORTGAGE ON A HOUSE. HE CLAIMED THAT HE TURNED BURSTIN DOWN BECAUSE PRESIDENT ODUBER ADVISED HIM TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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